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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MASS, SA

SUBJECT: SIDEWINDERS FOR SAUDI ARABIA

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1. AFTER FURTHER REFLECTION, SECRETARY BELIEVES WE SHOULD OFFER SAUDIS ALTERNATIVE OF SUBMITTING PART OF SIDEWINDER SALE TO CONGRESS NOW AND THE BALANCE AFTER ELECTIONS. THE RISK IN THIS, AS INDICATED REFTEL, IS THAT CONGRESS MIGHT SEEK TO LIMIT FURTHER SALES TYING OUR HANDS FOR THE FUTURE, WHICH WE WOULD OPPOSE, AND THAT THIS IN ITSELF WOULD BECOME AN ISSUE GENERATING PUBLIC DEBATE.

2. IF WE FOLLOW THE OTHER COURSE--I.E., DEFER SUBMISSION OF ENTIRE SALE UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS--IT WOULD BE OUR INTENTION TO SUBMIT LOA FOR ENTIRE 2000 TO CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER IF THERE IS A POST-ELECTION CONGRESSIONAL SESSION. THE RISK IN THIS IS THAT, IF CONGRESS DOES NOT RECONVENE AFTER NOVEMBER ELECTIONS, SUBMISSION OF SIDEWINDER SALE TO

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CONGRESS CANNOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JANUARY AT EARLIEST, IN

POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ARE NOT NOW PREDICTABLE.

3. YOU SHOULD, IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH SAUDIS, EXPLAIN  
PROS AND CONS OF THE TWO ALTERNATIVES ALONG FOREGOING LINES

AND SEEK THEIR VIEWS. IF THEY ASK YOUR JUDGMENT ABOUT  
CHANCES CONGRESS WILL RECONVENE IN NOVEMBER AFTER ELECTIONS,  
YOU MAY SAY THAT THIS IS SIMPLY NOT PREDICTABLE WITH ANY  
CERTAINTY; WE ARE INFORMED THAT PRESENT INTENTION OF  
CONGRESS IS TO ADJOURN FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR  
OCTOBER 2, BUT UNFINISHED LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS COULD  
REQUIRE A CHANGE IN THIS TIMETABLE. KISSINGER

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